

Child Protective Services Subcommittee Meeting
VA State Board of Social Services
April 19, 2011

Attending

Robert Spadaccini, Willie Greene, Jr., Margaret Schultze, Trudy Brisendine, Maggi Luca, Joann Harfst, Jack Ledden, Betty Jo Zarris, and Jim Pope.

A number of issues were discussed including MD Teams, Structured Decision Making implementation, the effect of FPMs, major risk factors of Substance Abuse and Domestic Violence, worker turnover, and issues regarding communication among local stakeholders.

From that discussion, the committee identified several issues they will address initially:

- Training requirements for on-call staff
- The need for annual refresher training for all CPS staff
- A review of child fatalities in cases known to the local DSS in the past 3 years

Mr. Spadaccini and the committee will extend an invitation to Betty Wade Coyle to share experiences with the Eastern Region child fatality team.

There was discussion and agreement to expanding the committee, with Board approval) to include a couple of members of the League's Child and Family Services Committee, as well as Maggi Luca, former State Board member.

This committee will report to the full Board at their meeting on Wednesday.

Respectfully submitted by
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